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STRENGTHENING OF KELTRON
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought the assistance of the Union Government to strengthen KELTRON, as undertaking of the Government of Kerala producing electronics and information technology products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJEET SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The government of Kerala had made a request in April 2003 to the Ministry of Defence to take over KELTRON.

(c) A Task force was set up to identify the areas for long term arrangement between DPSUs/OFB and KELTEC/KELTRON which submitted the report in October 2003. It has been decided that Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Defence and the Ordnance Factories would consider placing orders on KELTRON within the existing frame work of Government guidelines and purchase policies.